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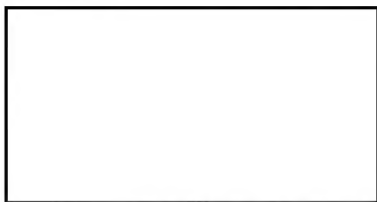20 Sept 56   Current Intelligence Bulletin   Page 2

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4. PATHET LAO NEGOTIATORS ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE

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Pathet Lao representatives arrived in
Vientiane on 18 September for meetings
of mixed political and military commis-
sions to negotiate the details of a settle-
ment with the royal government. These
meetings are expected to begin within the next few days.

Comment   In view of Pathet stalling on negotiations,
                 a speedy settlement appears unlikely.
In any event, the chief government negotiator has been in-
structed to refer all matters of major disagreement to Prime
Minister Souvanna Phouma, who will not return from France
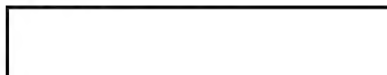until about 1 October.   25X1A

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BIWEEKLY SUMMARY
(6-19 September 1956)

THE TAIWAN STRAIT

Report of the IAC Current Intelligence Group
for the Taiwan Strait Problem

1. There were no significant combat operations in the area during the period. 25X1A

2. At the Eighth Congress of the Chinese Communist Party meeting in Peiping, comparatively limited attention was given to Taiwan, with speakers merely restating the Chinese Communist position on the issue. While emphasizing the theme of "peaceful liberation," Liu Shao-chi, the ranking Chinese Communist after Mao Tse-tung, asserted that Peiping would not hesitate to use force against Taiwan "when all possibilities for peaceful negotiations have been exhausted or when peaceful negotiations have failed."

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TAIWAN STRAIT SITUATION

CHINESE COMMUNIST AIRFIELD LEGEND:

DESIGNATIONS	PRIMARY AIRFIELD CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT IN AREA WITH PREPARED RUNWAY GENERALLY 5000 FEET OR LONGER.	SECONDARY AIRFIELD AUXILIARY OR EMERGENCY BASES OR FIELDS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE. RUNWAYS GENERALLY LESS THAN 5000 FEET.
ACTIVE BASE FOR MILITARY & CIVILIAN AIR-CRAFT. SOME BASES USED BY PISTON TYPES MAY BE USABLE BY JETS	● OPERATIONAL	▲
INACTIVE BASES CAPABLE OF USE BY AIRCRAFT	▲ SERVICEABLE	
CURRENT STATUS UNDETERMINED	UNKNOWN	

USABILITY

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MiG-15 MIG-17 TU-4 IL-28	TU-2, IL-10 LA-9/11 LI-2 ETC.	UNKNOWN	UNDER CONSTRUCTION

* FIELDS NOT CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING SUSTAINED OPERATIONS AT PRESENT.

HONAN — ANHWEI — KIANGSU

NANKING
SHANGHAI
WUHU
HUPEH
HANKOW
HUAINING
CHIAHSING
CHOUSHAN IS.
HANGCHOW
NINGPO
CHIUCHIANG
CHUHSIEN
CHINHUA
NANCHANG
SHANGJAO
LUCHIAO TACHENS
CHANGSHA
Yingtan
WENCHOW
Juian
614,000 TROOPS
HENGYANG
CHIENOU
Nanping 53,000 Ningte
FOOCHOW MATSUS 21,000
NANTAI
Yungan
CHANGTING* LIENCHENG LUNGTIEN
WUCHIU SUNGSHAN
MACHIANG HUIAN TAOYUAN TAIPEI
CHINGYANG ILAN
LUNGCHI KAOCHI HSINCHU
AMOY QUEMOY
89,000 81,000 TAICHUNG
KWANGTUNG TAIWAN
CHENGHAI CHIAYI 3,000
SWATOW PENGHU
CANTON 73,000 TAINAN
SHUIKOU PINGTUNG
Hong Kong (G.B.)
Macao (Port.)

NAUTICAL MILES
0 50 100 150
0 50 100 150
STATUTE MILES

△ NATIONALIST AIRFIELD

Railroad — Under construction or projected

Primary roads
Secondary roads